

REMARKS

With the entry of the present amendment, claims 16-20, 23-32, 34-42 and 50-56 are in this application. Claims 23 and 53 have been amended to depend from claim 56, rather than from claim 1, which had been cancelled. Claim 31 has been amended to remove a repeated word. None of the amendments made herein constitutes the addition of new matter.

The Objections to the Claims

The Patent Office has objected to claims 23 and 53, in that they depend from claims which were cancelled.

In the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 23 and 53 have been amended to depend from claim 56. It is believed that these amendments resolve all remaining issues in this application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues related to patentability, the courtesy of a telephone interview is requested, and the Examiner is invited to call to arrange a mutually convenient time.

This Amendment is accompanied by a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and payment of the fee of \$180 as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). It is believed that this amendment does not necessitate the payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any additional fees or grant any extension of time, if needed, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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